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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were generally unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the week. Retail demand was in a full range of light to good, best where featured. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient from regular suppliers and were fully adequate for the light demand. However, additional offerings from outside sources were limited. Light type fowl were at least adequate for the light to fair at best demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Boston, prices were unchanged to one cent higher on all sizes, when based on previous week average pricing. In Philadelphia and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate, better where features were planned for the upcoming holiday. Supplies were adequate to instances available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for normal processing schedules.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were adjusted to reflect current pricing information. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to good, best for feature activity. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings adequate to fully adequate with demand light and selective. Breakers worked from regular commitments and company owned production with a few breakers sourcing excess inventory into the open market. Many breakers were looking at shortened schedules for next week and were adjusting purchases accordingly. Floor stocks were in close balance to at least adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are a factor. Supplies adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged in Atlanta and Florida entering the week. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was mostly moderate to good, best where features were in progress. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending November 15, 2002 was 78.23 cents, which was 2.17 cents more than a week earlier and 9.41 cents more than last year. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for normal processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices unchanged to 2 cents higher on large, unchanged on other sizes. The Pacific region inventory was 2% lower than last week with California down 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 4%. Retailer demand fairly good but often reported as below average for the Thanksgiving period. Offerings increased and were easily adequate.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes entering the week. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand improved, usually ranged from moderate to instances good. Supplies were fully sufficient for current requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA		
NORTHEAST CITIES	LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	116-118	107-109	75-77
New York	84-88	82-86	70-74
Philadelphia	82-86	81-84	69-72
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	74-79	72-75	61-64
Jackson (1)	81-83	77-79	66-68
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	83-94	80-90	67-79
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	74-78	72-76	63-67
Detroit (2)	70-75	69-73	60-67
Major Ohio Cities (2)	72-76	71-74	62-64
Major Wisconsin Cities	73-80	72-78	62-67
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	91-93	87-90	75-77
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	112	106	97
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 7% lower than last week. Retailer demand fairly good but competition for smaller accounts increasingly fierce. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 77. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 2 for \$3, buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	
JUMBO	117	
EXTRA LARGE	112	
LARGE	106	
MEDIUM	97	
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.		
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	
JUMBO	239-299	
EXTRA LARGE	229-299	
LARGE	199	
MEDIUM	179	
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	
JUMBO	235-289	
EXTRA LARGE	219-249	
LARGE	195-239	
MEDIUM	179-199	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 22, 2002 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 15, 2002 were 287,382 cases which was 6 percent above the prior week and 20 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased			
present week.....	241,066	46,316	287,382
% change from the			
prior week.....	+6	+9	+6

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings adequate to fully adequate with demand light and selective. Breakers worked from regular commitments and company owned production with a few breakers sourcing excess inventory into the open market. Many breakers were looking at shortened schedules for next week and were adjusting purchases accordingly. Floor stocks were in close balance to at least adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	41-44
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	29-33
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Average prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand remained moderate, drawing fully adequate offerings from production areas. Finished sales were fair and were serviced by normal processing schedules. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-NOV-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11.5	8-9	8.95

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate. Offerings were at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-NOV-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-10	8.25-9	8.57
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Nov 18, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	14.1	25.1	9.5	16.5	79.1
	Change	-0.2	0.2	-0.2	2.3	1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.5	66.5	15.7	27.3	167.1
	Change	-1.9	-4.2	-4.0	2.4	-5%
Large	Curr Wk	58.3	119.7	91.2	101.6	492.0
	Change	-2.5	-2.5	-1.5	12.3	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.3	46.6	16.5	25.7	135.5
	Change	2.8	4.0	-2.0	0.9	5%
Small	Curr Wk	5.1	8.8	2.1	7.3	28.5
	Change	-0.1	0.7	-1.0	0.5	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.8	22.5	6.0	17.5	58.5
	Change	1.5	1.1	-2.9	3.1	7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.7	37.2	33.3	25.7	154.3
	Change	-6.0	-22.1	13.7	-2.0	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	148.8	326.4	174.3	221.6	1115.0
Percent	Change	-4%	-7%	1%	10%	-1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,115.0	-1%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	241.8	-4%	38

Total Shell Egg 1,356.8 -2% 213
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.
2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

NORTHEAST	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO ATL	PACIFIC	5-AREA SUMMARY
155.2	349.2	172.2	202.1	249.9	1,128.6

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4, 2002.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	194.2	191.1	182.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING NOVEMBER 4, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2002

CURRENT LOADS		15.75		FUTURE LOADS		5.00		TOTAL LOADS		20.75	
CLASS	SE	NE	MW	LOADS	CLASS	SC	NW	SW	LOADS		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	—	—	57.00	57.00	—	—	—	—	—	58.64	4.75
GNR W 1	54.00	56.00	54.00	55.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.75
GL W XL	—	—	67.00	69.00	51.27	—	—	—	—	—	1.25
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	43.89	49.00	—	—	—	—	—
GL W SM	—	—	25.75	28.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/11/02-11/15/02

CURRENT LOADS		108.50		FUTURE LOADS		61.75		TOTAL LOADS		170.25	
CLASS	SE	NE	MW	LOADS	CLASS	SC	NW	SW	LOADS		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	—	—	57.00	57.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
GNR W 1	58.42	61.58	57.00	58.10	57.14	56.00	40.50	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	63.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	—	—	—	14.75
GNR BR 1	—	74.00	45.25	46.50	—	—	5.00	—	—	—	30.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	51.63	73.00	2.25	—	—	—	8.50
GL W XL	—	71.85	68.05	68.23	57.60	67.00	45.50	—	—	—	1.00
GL W LG	—	69.07	69.31	71.00	58.23	67.00	54.25	—	—	—	—
GL W MD	—	54.00	53.35	54.45	43.80	57.45	24.00	—	—	—	—
GL W SM	26.75	28.50	26.13	28.38	29.00	28.67	4.75	—	—	—	—
GL BR J	—	—	—	79.00	—	—	.25	—	—	—	—
GL BR XL	—	—	—	76.00	—	—	.25	—	—	—	—
GL BR LG	—	—	—	74.00	—	—	.50	—	—	—	—
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	45.25	13.00	—	—	—	—
NRBS - 48	—	—	39.00	40.00	43.50	44.29	13.50	—	—	—	—
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	32.50	8.00	—	—	—	—
NRBS - 36	—	—	20.00	33.00	27.00	—	1.25	—	—	—	—

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA

State	Number Cases	Number Cases	Number Cases	Total State
	Shipped To	Shipped To	Shipped To	
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	

NOT AVAILABLE

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
122-125	97-100	88-91	56-59	25-28

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
76-86	70-73	67-72	60-64	31-35

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
51-55	42-46	11-15

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/11/02	11/04/02	11/12/01
PACIFIC COAST	392	479	239
LOS ANGELES	329	399	184

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland:	11/3/02-11/9/02
30-dozen case	8,446

Receipts from the mainland:	10/27/02-11/2/02
30-dozen case	4,296

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
96.27	92.09	81.27	54.79

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